

MIDNIGHT REVELRY

A Veritable Nocturnal Pandemonium Reigns in Waco.

NIGHT TURNED INTO BRAWLING DAY

Where Are Our Efficient Guardians of the Peace, the Night Police?

Waco, Texas, Dec. 27, 1893.—

Editor News: To the unfortunate citizen who seeks his nightly rest in the precinct lying between Third and Sixth streets, on Austin avenue, this question cannot but be a burning one. Many times he has distractedly apotrophized the inanimate objects in his bedchamber with the same query. It has burst from his frenzied lips in the dead of night, as he wearily ignites a match and counts the hours that remain before the light of morning imperatively calls him and spoils his last chance of slumber. The repetition of it brings to his memory the shouts of excited hackmen, quarrelling with their cursing, intoxicated patrons, and the symphonious melodies of mad-drunk midnight revellers. During waking moments, protracted sometimes into hours, a heavy wad of cotton stuffed into each ear, and the lines of care showing distressingly in the blue, sulphurous gleams playing about his drawn, pale face, he has sought in vain a reasonable answer to this apparently simple question. Interjections and exclamations he has used with prodigality, and interspersed his language with the choicest quotations from the vocabulary of a pious lifetime; but the mocking answer "Where?" has been his only comforter.

Flippancy aside, I ask: Does Waco pay for night protection and police supervision? And, if so, where are the police? There seldom passes a night when residents on our principal business street are not awaked from their slumbers by discordant noises and disorderly conduct on the street or in the saloons and gambling rooms which form the centers of nightly attraction in our otherwise orderly city.

Article 4 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Waco provides: "If any person shall go into or near any public place, or into or near any private house, and shall use loud and vociferous or obscene, vulgar or indecent language, or swear, or curse, or yell, or shriek, . . . in a manner calculated to disturb the inhabitants of such public place or private house, he shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$100;" and Article 5 defines a public place to mean any public road, street or alley, or any inn, tavern, hotel, store, grocery or workshop, or place at which people are assembled, or to which people commonly resort for purposes of business, amusement, recreation or other lawful purpose. Article 76 provides: "It shall not be lawful for any person owning or controlling any premises in this city to permit such boisterous conduct, loud hallooing, stamping, dancing, skating, sliding, cursing, swearing or other vociferous or unusual noises thereon, as shall be unreasonably troublesome, annoying or vexatious to the neighborhood, or any person or family, etc.," with an imposed fine, upon conviction, of from \$5 to \$100. Article 218 provides: "It shall be unlawful for any owner, driver or person in charge of any vehicle whatever in this city, while employed or while awaiting employment, to crack, snap or flourish his whip unnecessarily, so as to cause inconvenience to another, or to use loud, indecent or profane language, or to vex or annoy travelers or citizens." And, finally, Art. 470 provides: "The mayor of the city, as its chief executive officer, is hereby required to divide, or cause to be divided, the city into one-half as many districts as there are policemen, and shall assign, or cause the marshal to assign, to each a policeman for duty; and such policeman shall walk in his district faithfully until

he is relieved by his superior officer, and under such regulations as the mayor shall prescribe."

We have grown accustomed to observe the open breach of some of the city's ordinances. We are obliged to know that Articles 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 (relating to gaming) are absolutely and entirely ignored, both by the authorities and those who derive a revenue from their infraction; and that Article 11 (relating to intoxication in public places), Articles 53 and 54 (prohibiting the sale of intoxicants on Sunday), and Articles 42 and 43 (regarding raffles, etc.), are practically dead-letter enactments, and hold a place among the by-laws of the city rather as an advertisement of our abrogation of the detestation with which hypocrisy should be regarded by the Anglo-Saxon race than as a reflection of the will of the majority of Waco's citizens. But to have our sleeping hours constantly made hideous by noises and disturbances unbecoming the dignity of a well-ordered community is really too exasperating. Drunken songs and yells and vomiting, rattling dice, quarrelling hackmen and lewd women, and a constant five-minute service of hacks bound from one night resort to another,—these are the concomitant features that go to make up the nightly carnival of disturbance on Austin street, more prevalent in warm weather but possible at all times. In one instance the writer and others were kept awake from 3 o'clock in the morning till daylight by boisterous singing, shouting, swearing and dice-throwing issuing from a saloon between Third and Fourth streets; at which time five of the city ordinances (Articles 4, 11, 34, 35 and 76) were ostentatiously violated at the same time. At another time two negro hack drivers contended alternately with oaths and horsewhips (uninterfered with) for half or three-quarters of an hour, and only desisted when ordered to do so by a person in the McClelland hotel. On another occasion a shouted conversation concerning the demi-monde was the highly creditable source of disturbance. How long must these things be? Not knowing on whom the direct blame should rest, and only wishing that Waco may maintain her credit abroad and at home as a well-governed city, I suggest that this is a disgraceful state of affairs, and that some action should be taken to protect law-respecting citizens and to prove to them, and to the rowdy night-hawks whose remarkable proclivities induce them to seek their pleasures when most people desire to sleep, that the streets are under the control of those to whom their supervision has been delegated, and that the laws are not impossible of enforcement. Respectfully,

F. H. VORLEY WRIGHT.

Clinton Missouri

Mr. A. L. Armstrong, an old drug gist, and a prominent citizen of this enterprising town, says: "I sell some forty different kinds of cough medicines, but have never in my experience sold so much of any one article as I have of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. All who use it say it is the most perfect remedy for Cough, Cold, Consumption, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs, they have ever tried." It is a specific for Croup and Whooping Cough. It will relieve a Cough in one minute. Contains no opiates. Sold by Risher & Co., Waco, and J. B. CORNISH, East Waco.

A large assortment and a new line of guns, rifles and pistols at Ambold's.

For the tenderest and greatest variety of meats see Crippen, corner Fifth and Franklin.

To our lady friends: Is your hair falling out? If it is, go to Dismuke and get a bottle of "4711." He will guarantee to stop it.

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The finest blackwaxy farm in the county, 1488 acres, 16 miles west of Waco, 3 miles east of Crawford; 650 acres in highest state of cultivation, balance in pasture, 3 and 4 wire fence, mountain cedar posts; 6 tenant houses, well water at each house, good barns, granaries, cribs, etc.; 1300 acres good tillable land on this place; 1000 bushels corn, 1000 bushels oats, 1000 bushels wheat; 30 head horses and mules, 3 yokes of oxen, 100 head of hogs; farming implements, such as sulky plows, walking plows, mowers, harvesters, all necessary farming tools. All the above go with this place if sold by 1st of January, '94, at \$20 per acre, one-third cash, balance on 10 years time if desired. We know this to be one of finest places in the county. Very healthy, close to school and church.

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No. 4 Is Egan's coal yard.

A New Year's Gift.

With every dozen cabinet photographs, at \$1 per dozen, cash, I will give to each and every customer a 14x17 inch water-colored picture—something new and fine—made from the same negative and mounted on card ready for framing. Remember, the large picture is absolutely free with every dozen cabinet photographs at \$4 per dozen, cash. Call on W. D. JACKSON, the old reliable photographer, and see specimens. No. 112 North Fifth street, Waco, Texas.

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Notice! Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Provident National Bank of Waco, Texas, will be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1894, at their office at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of business.

W. P. FERGUSON, Cashier.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 3, 1893.

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The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.—No Ammonia; No Alum.
Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

DEAD-BEATISM,

Moss-backism, Land Lords and Brick Blocks.

To THE PEOPLE OF WACO:

Do you know a "dead beat?" Did you ever see one? A few years ago I saw a very suggestive picture: A cow was lying down. A big boy was creeping up with his wood sleigh to tie onto the cow's tail. That fellow was a "dead beat." We have them in Waco. They are seen collecting their rents on brick blocks and houses, yet never give one dollar to help the town move forward or help the tenant's trade grow better. "Moss-backism and Dead-beatism" are twin brothers. The moss-back is the worst dead beat in town. He has his sled tied onto some cow's tail; wants to ride at the other fellow's expense. If he has any repairs they go undone unless he can paint or carpenter himself. He reads his neighbor's newspapers and complains that our home papers are no good.

If he wants anything he sends away from Waco. Our printers, our papers, our mechanics, our wage earners, our merchants, our medicine, our water—all are not good enough for this moss-back, DEAD BEAT. This dead beat, moss-back stands on the street corners (when not collecting rents) and talks down prospective factories, or any public enterprise; finds fault with the man who are the pushers of Waco. Thinks our hotels are very poorly kept because he is not invited to eat FREE. Don't suppose this dead beat, moss-back is poor. Oh, no! He owns brick stores and maybe blocks. He collects rents from his tenants and then, if he spends a dollar, hunts some about to burst or bankrupt stock to buy what he wants, if he cannot wait to send away from Waco to buy it. He is sure to hunt some cow's tail, asleep, to tie his sled to. This dead beat rides—on, yes! he always rides but at some other fellow's expense.

We saw an article a few days ago like this: "Mr. S. and so had a big blowout in New York. The flowers alone cost \$10,000." Then the writer moralized on this great sinful extravagance. Now we say this \$10,000 was justly spent. It went into the hands of many wage earners; filled many hungry mouths. Men who have money ought to spend it. We have men in Waco who ought to pay out more for factories and more to help Waco. LIBERALITY is death to deadbeatism and mossbackism. Let us help kill both in Waco. The Waco Trading company will give as much to kill and bury mossbackism and deadbeatism as any firm in Waco and can furnish your home from kitchen to parlor, cash or easy payments.

J. W. RIGGINS,
Prop. Waco Trading Co.

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For the girls and boys.
We have door-mats
And rack-hats
For all.

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Yours very truly,
J. W. RIGGINS,
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PERSONAL.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Ghent, of Belton, are in the city, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Graves.

Mrs. Hattie Buntick, of Tyler, spent yesterday in this city. She was the guest of Mrs. Sherman Phillips, on Cleveland street.

Captain J. E. McGuire, superintendent of the reformatory at Gatesville, is a guest at the Palmo. He is accompanied by his son, Mr. G. B. McGuire.

CLEARANCE SALE.

Until the 1st of February, 1894, I will sell at Millinery Goods at a great reduction. Come at once and select. A complete line of hair goods, wigs, fluffs, bangs and curls made to order. Hair dressing and dress making by Mrs. Gibson.

MRS. B. J. DOSS,

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Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of city secretary, to be opened at 3 o'clock p. m. January 11, 1894, at the city hall, Waco, Texas, by the Mayor and public improvement committee, for furnishing all material and labor, and constructing one wooden bridge across Waco creek on Dutton street, according to plan and specifications on file in city engineer's office; the terms of payment will be by note of the city of Waco, bearing 10 per cent interest per annum, and due 12 months after completion and acceptance of bridge by the city of Waco; a certified check for fifty dollars, payable to the Mayor of Waco, to accompany each proposal before it will be considered. The right to reject any and all proposals is hereby reserved by the city council of the city of Waco, Texas.

C. C. McCulloch, Mayor.

W. C. COOPER, City Secretary.
Waco, Texas, January 2, 1894.

Wood \$3 25 per cord; stove wood, \$4 50 at G. B. Lane's, corner Eighth and Kentucky avenue.

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Keys of all kinds, and locksmith work done on short notice at Ambold's.

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